

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-101 and 103-204 were pending in this application. Claims 101 and 103-204 have been canceled.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on October 1, 2003.

Applicants had elected the claims of Group II (claims 101-199) in response to a Restriction Requirement dated February 11, 2002. Applicants now wish to pursue the claims of Group I, claims 1-100, and respectfully request that these claims be prosecuted following the filing of the accompanying RCE. Accordingly, claims 101 and 103-204, have been cancelled.

II. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in resolving any outstanding issues, he is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 452-1621.

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